

Standing Room Only as City Hears Concerns Over Water Rate Increases

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

It was standing room only in Townsend’s City Hall June 18 for the city council’s public hearing on its notice of intent to raise rates for city water users in the coming months.

While none of those who spoke questioned the need for significant upgrades to the system, many voiced concerns that the new rate for residential users – more than triple the current monthly \$20.57 fee – is more than many citizens can afford.

“I live on a fixed income,” Duane Holom told the council. “I don’t have \$20 or \$30 to spare.”

Several of those who spoke at the meeting referred to the significant increases to the cost of city utilities in recent years, including those due to support the sewer lagoon. Currently, city residents pay just over \$100 per month to the city for water, sewer and garbage services. Once new rates are implemented, that will top \$180 each month.

“My big question about this is, are we going to get a reduction?” John Shuler asked.

Mayor Vickie Rauser explained that while grants make up some funding for both the sewer lagoon and water system, the bulk of the cost for both comes through Montana State Revolving Fund loans. She did not indicate when or if rates would go down after the terms of those long-term loans.

“The people who can’t afford it, what then?” Holom asked, wondering if their water would be shut off.

Rauser responded that the city has explored some assistance programs, but programs offered through the state during the pandemic are no longer available because the state opted out of federal money to fund them.

Rauser explained the council’s decision to look into the capacity of the community’s water system: A fire in Dutton which resulted in the loss of several homes when firefighters



Townsend Mayor Vickie Rauser (left) signs the city’s amended notice of intent to increase water rates during the June 18 city council meeting. The revised notice would phase in a \$70.46 increase in base user rates in three increments of around \$20 between Sept. 1, 2024, and Jan. 1, 2025.

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surpassed the limits of their own water system.

The basic standard for water storage for a community of Townsend’s size is 1 million gallons, Rauser said. The iconic Townsend water tower holds only a quarter of that. Currently, she added, city users on the south side of the community experience water pressure issues. The planned Copper Springs subdivision would place additional pressures already beyond capacity.

The proposed water system includes a 1 million gallon storage tank to be installed east of Townsend near the fairgrounds. Also included will be several new hydrants and valves. Rauser said the project could go to bid in late July or early August, with work beginning as early as this fall. The

upgraded system is expected to go live in early 2026, with an estimated price tag of \$16-17 million dollars.

During the second reading of the resolution of intent, which took place during the council’s regular meeting immediately following the public hearing, council members voted to amend the resolution, splitting the rate increase into three phases. Increases of approximately \$23 per month would take place on Sept. 1, 2024, Nov. 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025. The total increase for residential users, \$70.46, would remain the same.

A final public hearing on the city’s proposed water rate increases will take place at City Hall, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 16.

Coffee Nook Opens at Reading Leaves Bookstore



Jonathan Rivers is ready to serve drinks and sandwiches at the helm of the Coffee Nook in the Reading Leaves Bookstore. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



The Coffee Nook: a cozy spot for a coffee and a good book. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

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Jonathan Rivers has always wanted to open a coffee shop. Originally from Butte, he yearned to be his own boss in a business as he had worked for “giant corporations” for many years in Colorado. After selling a home in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and moving to Montana, things started falling into place.

His girlfriend Adrienne had connections: she is a friend of Rachael Brug who owns Reading Leaves. Rachael had mentioned she would like a coffee and tea shop in the bookstore. With huge amounts of work on all their parts, including applying for a grant to install a restroom for handicapped customers, the coffee shop has opened.

Jonathan envisioned a cozy living room with sofas and easy chairs. A quiet area with books all around. The newly opened Coffee Nook fulfills that vision. He has planned a grand opening on July 4 and will have breakfast sandwiches and paninis on his food menu. A complete menu of coffees and teas is coming.

Currently, he is offering all kinds of coffee drinks. His coffee beans are locally roasted by John Cassidy of Toston. Cassidy is a coffee consultant and businessman who has opened three shops in Montana. He sources his beans from Honduras and Peru. Cassidy ships beans all over the United States including, Seattle, the Carolinas and one other coffee shop in Helena.

The Coffee Nook is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and can be reached at (406) 490-8238.

Townsend Mercantile: Many Stores Under One Roof And a Nod to History

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

In the mood for a yummy take-out dinner or a really thick milkshake?

Buy a piece of well-crafted jewelry for that classy lady in your life.

Bring home a succulent special cut of beef or lamb. And while you’re at it, don’t forget to order a bale of hay.

Choose from a great selection of Montana-made gifts.

You can do it all under one roof at a handful of stores in the newly opened Townsend Mercantile Company in the former Rocky Mountain Supply building on Front Street in Townsend. Some of the owners are old hands at entrepreneurship, others are trying their hand at a store for the first time



A tourist couple enjoy eating treats from The Creamery, a new business at the Townsend Mercantile on Front Street. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Each business has unique features. The Creamery makes specialty ice cream cakes and the malt shop is a big hit. The Creamery tacos, burritos and bowls are food to crave.

Jessica Hanson started JRock Jewelry in 2019 after making her own pieces at home. She graduated from Flathead Valley Community College with an associate degree in jewelry production. Jewelry making fascinated her after she attended jewelry classes in high school. Designing silver pieces with precious jewels is her main interest. She makes custom pieces as requested. She also repairs jewelry. Jesse worked as a goldsmith for three years at Riddles Jewelry in Billings.

Interestingly, JRock Jewelry’s original Townsend location was on Broadway Street in the original Townsend Mercantile Company building. The name has come full circle.

Townsend Mercantile, 2

NOTICE:
EARLY DEADLINE
for July 5, 2024 Edition of Paper
Due to Independence Day being on a Thursday, we will have an early print date!

What this means:
TEMPORARY EARLY DEADLINE
for all ads and articles printing 7/5/24

ADS:

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On or before 3pm Friday, 6/28/24

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On or before 10am Monday, 7/1/24

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On or before 12pm Monday, 7/1/24

Bulldogs Beyond is Back!!!



Students at Delphi in Greece: Emily Bird, Havyn Vandenacre, Luci Horne, Reese Wolfgram, Riley Rauser, Nolan Flynn, Ross MacDonald, Scarlett McDaniel, Grace Kroeger, Anna Beatty, Carsyn O'Dell, Logan Barkhurst, Haylie Reinke, Kenzie Knaub, Aspen Slyker, Emmalin Fischer, Harper Wolfgram, Addi Kraft, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Kaelyn Sangray. Photo Contributed by Jill Flynn



Students at the Colosseum in Rome: Emily Bird, Havyn Vandenacre, Luci Horne, Reese Wolfgram, Riley Rauser, Nolan Flynn, Ross MacDonald, Scarlett McDaniel, Grace Kroeger, Anna Beatty, Carsyn O'Dell, Logan Barkhurst, Haylie Reinke, Kenzie Knaub, Aspen Slyker, Emmalin Fischer, Harper Wolfgram, Addi Kraft, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Kaelyn Sangray. Photo Contributed by Jill Flynn

Jill Flynn

Our group of 20 students and 6 chaperones spent 6 days on an educational trip, and we had a marvelous time in Rome and Athens.

The tour itself was definitely a trip of a lifetime for all the travelers. We hit the ground running upon arrival in Rome, with a tour of the Catacombs and a walking tour in downtown Rome, where we walked the famous Spanish Steps and threw coins in the Fountain of Trevi, wishing for a return to Rome someday :) The next day, we traveled to Pompeii and toured the ruins of the city that was devastated by Mount Vesuvius 2000 years ago. It was fascinating to see the technology of the civilization there. "Being able to walk on the ancient cobblestone streets and see how huge the place was...still amazes me..." one student noted. We returned to a 4-course Italian meal at our motel. Day 3 was a marathon tour of the city of Rome. We started with a walking tour of the old Roman Forum, followed by a tour of the Colosseum. It was amazing to consider the structure still stands after all these years... and that it was built over a span of only 8 years without modern machinery. Everyone was able to shop around the Piazza San Pietro and find their own choices for lunch, followed by a visit to the Basilica of St. Peter, which many of the students noted was the highlight of the trip, "an out-of-this-world experience" and "incomparable to any pictures I've ever seen". It is truly breathtaking! Following that, we toured the Vatican Museum and visited a local restaurant for traditional Italian food. Of course, every day, we tried to eat as much gelato as we could.

Day four was our transfer day to Greece, but before we flew out, we toured Ostia, a small seaside resort that was once the Roman port on the Tiber River. Some of the crew swam in the sea, while others shopped and chose a variety of spots for lunch. After a short flight to Athens, we checked

into our fabulous hotel, which overlooked its own beach on the Mediterranean. The kids wasted no time getting into the water and swam until after dark. Up early the next morning, we toured Athens in the 100+ heat and viewed the remarkable Acropolis area and the Parthenon. The ruins and the accompanying museum gave us an opportunity to get right up close to some of the most famous antiquities in the world. A traditional Greek meal followed, and the kids hit the beach again in the evening. Our final day featured a trip to Delphi, the site once considered the center of the world by the ancient Greeks. We traveled up into the mountains of Greece and almost felt like we were back in Montana... except for the heat and humidity. The ruins of Delphi and the associated museum were also a highlight for many. We returned to our motel for a buffet dinner and one final swim in the sea.

Our trip home was an adventure, as our flight got delayed so we had to switch to another airline, sit in the airport for 8 hours, fly for 11 hours to New York and then circle in a holding pattern for an hour, sleep for 4 hours in a motel, and then rise early for a 10-hour return to Montana. While not anyone's highlight, it was still another good learning experience about how to cope with travel adversity and navigate the landscape of international travel. The students were troopers and managed to keep smiles on their faces in spite of all challenges.

Among many lessons learned were trying new foods, experiencing the hustle and press of crowds in major urban areas, realizing the sheer magnitude of history in European countries where civilizations are measured in thousands of years, as opposed to hundreds in the US, negotiating two new languages, understanding different cultures, meeting new people from the Missouri group that traveled with us, and bonding with other Townsend students and chaperones. As one student noted, "I am so thankful I had this opportunity to experience new foods, cultures, landscapes and people."



Chaperones at the Colosseum in Rome: Jill Flynn, Allie Lampman, Joe Horne, Sheri Heavrin, Kallie Audet, Siobhan Flynn. Photo Contributed by Jill Flynn

The whole experience made many hungry for more travel in their futures but also highlighted an appreciation for the vastness and peacefulness of Montana.

We are all so appreciative of the part so many played in making this opportunity possible. In particular, Broadwater Community Foundation and Townsend Booster Club made significant donations. However, we also want to thank all the local businesses that supported our Donkey Basketball fundraiser, the parents who supported our efforts, and the entire Townsend community, who contributed to fundraisers, bought concessions at ball games, donated tips to the trip, and helped in a variety of ways. One traveler summarized our feelings well, relating, "Thank you to all that made this such a wonderful experience that I will never forget. I am looking forward to the next one".

We are already planning our next Bulldogs Beyond trip in 2026!

Townsend Mercantile, 1

The original Townsend Mercantile Company was opened in 1900 by W.E. Tierney, Dan McCarthy and J.R. Marks, according to Broadwater Bygones, the authoritative history book of the county. The business operated until 1941 when McCarthy's sons sold the contents and closed it.

Caroline and Justin Nelson decided to dip into a brick-and-mortar store after operating their business Little Creek Feed for five years from their ranch just off Litening Barn Road near Toston. The store offers a little of everything, including their own ranch-raised beef and lamb in specialty cuts. "If customers want just a couple of steaks or a package of lamb chops, they have it available right here," she said.



Caroline and Justin Nelson in front of the cooler mural, a Kelly Morris photograph of Baldy and surrounding areas. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Caroline sells and ships the meat cuts all over the United States. Passionate about offering local food, Caroline stocks local eggs, Kamut flour, gluten-free flour and many gift items, such as sheep milk soaps and candles.

Nelsons will focus on specialty feeds for cattle and

will deliver large orders. They have straw, hay squares and horse hay available. Caroline explained they wanted more options for livestock supply.

Nelsons' courtship and marriage are special as well. They met in front of the former Rocky Mountain Supply when Caroline was on a Richtmyer dude cattle drive some years ago. A Reading, Pennsylvania girl, Caroline fell in love with Montana life, and with Justin, along with all Montana had to offer. They now have a three-month-old son.

The driving force behind opening the Mercantile is Cassie Cooper of C Hangin' C, the anchor business of Townsend Mercantile. The Winston woman bought Canyon Ferry Mercantile and the Creamery take-out food business in 2022 from Gayle Watson and Kwincy Tartarka.



Townsend Mercantile owner Cassie Cooper displays some of her unique items for sale. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

They operated the shop at the Train Station location on North Front Street. She and Jessica originally opened a shop in Dillon, but it has since closed.



Jessica Hanson and customer Amanda Costello look over handmade pieces at JR Jewelry. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Cassie explained she wanted a place close to Broadway but still on Front Street, and close to Townsend's swimming pool. "This location finally opened up so everything just kind of fell in place," she said.

She and Caroline had worked together previously selling the handmade silk scarves she makes. When Caroline heard Cassie was opening the former Rocky Mountain Supply location, Caroline and her husband were interested.


Cassie's handmade neck scarves and gift selection round out the merchandise in the new location. The specialty store features various Montana-made gifts including clothing for children, hats, homemade soap and unusual gift items.


Cassie had a passion for sewing and a true desire to start her own business. Her drive has resulted in a new and exciting outlet for Broadwater County residents to shop. She and her husband Leroy are parents of five grown children.

Townsend School Calendar

JULY

Tue 2:
7:00PM - Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge






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Three Forks School Calendar

JULY

Thu 4
MS Book Club at Lunch



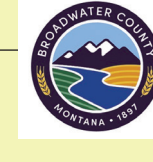
Broadwater County Government Calendar

JULY

Monday 1
11:00am Commission Working Meeting
2:00pm Board of Health Meeting
5:30pm Parks and Recreation

Tuesday 2
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioners Office)

Wednesday 3
10:00am Commission Meeting



Three Forks Community Calendar

JUNE

Friday 28
11:00AM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club
2:00PM RFPs due for Headwaters Trail Maintenance at City Hall
7:00PM Midland at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Saturday 29
Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

JULY

Tuesday 2
1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
4:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Middle School Book Club

Wednesday 3
8:00PM Grace Potter at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 4
City Hall CLOSED in Observance of Independence Day
2:00PM Farmer's Market (RESERVED) at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park
4:00PM Kansas Street CLOSED - Wrangler Team Roping Championships at City Hall

Friday 5
City Hall CLOSED in Observance of Independence Day (Per Resolution #420-2024)
11:00AM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 6
11:00AM- 2:00PM Three Forks Public Library OPEN

City of Townsend Pool Hours and Information

- **Lap Swim** M-F 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
 - **Open Swim** M-F 12- 4:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 - **Water Aerobics** M-F 5:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Prices: \$4 day pass; \$40 punch card good for 10-day passes; \$80 family pass for the season
Please call 406.266.3911 for information on swim lessons.

Townsend Community Calendar

JUNE

Friday 28
Townsend Tire Special Offer Starts **FIND AD ON PAGE 11**
10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents Duane and Lauren Simonich at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**

Saturday 29
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

JULY

Where's Waldo Local

Find Waldo in our local Townsend Businesses to win prizes!- ALL MONTH **SEE READING LEAVES AD ON THIS PAGE**

Monday 1
Early Entry for Walleye Derby **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday

Tuesday 2
5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 3
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 4
11:00AM PARADE ON BROADWAY FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT AMERICAN LEGION, 211 BROADWAY ST
3:00PM- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Saturday 6
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Wednesday 10
1:00pm Assistance applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 (Every second Wednesday)

4TH OF JULY PARADE

11AM on Broadway St
Community Lunch to follow at American Legion Post 42!
REMEMBER & HONOR

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena

Richard Majszak
Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for appointments and Shopping.
A \$15 donation is suggested.
The Shuttle will leave at approximately 9:00 AM and returns usually after 5:00 PM.
The transit can accommodate 10 passengers plus 2 wheelchairs.
Contact Richard 406-980-1447 for questions or to schedule a ride.

JULY EVENTS @ READING LEAVES BOOKSTORE

BOOK CLUB Our Missing Hearts by Celeste NG 6 PM	JULY 16	AUTHOR EVENT! Montana Facts for Kids with Josh Quick 6 PM	JULY 20
WHERE'S WALDO LOCAL Find Waldo in our local Townsend Businesses to win prizes!- ALL MONTH	JULY 00	AFTER HOURS TACC After Hours- Reading Leaves Books & Nook Coffeehouse 6 PM	JULY 25

MORE DETAILS @ WWW.READINGLEAVES.NET

2024 BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB WALLEYE DERBY

DERBY IS HELD ON JULY 20TH AT THE SILOS

THE ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND AT BROADWATERRODANDGUN.COM

JOIN THIS FAMILY FUN DAY FISHING AT CANYON FERRY

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS POSTMARKED BY JULY 1ST WILL GET \$50 OFF THE ENTRY FEE!

QUESTIONS?
CALL DOUG BREKER 949-0070 OR EMAIL DEBI.RANDOLPH@GMAIL.COM



County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 20th

Save the date for the 8th Annual County-wide Yard Sale!

Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028 for more details!

Participation is free, but donations to help with printing and advertising costs are appreciated.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: July 17th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

SUMMER HOURS (JUNE- AUGUST):
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

SUMMER HOURS:
Monday through Friday 1:00- 7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 3rd
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

LOCAL JOB LISTINGS

Employment Opportunity Clerk and Recorder's Elections Office

Broadwater County is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Elections Assistant.

The successful candidate must be able to manage and maintain the voter registration system in Broadwater County; assist Election Administrator in organizing and conducting elections in the County to comply with State election laws and statutes; assist in preparing and conducting training for seasonal staff and election judges; assist in setting up for all elections; conduct related work as required; work under the Election Administrator. Attention to detail, ability to work on deadline, proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, discretion, and customer service skills are essential. Occasional evening hours may be required. Understanding of local government entities and experience in elections is preferred.

The wage is \$17.50-19.50/hr., DOE, with an excellent health benefits package. A copy of the full job description may be obtained at the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Broadwater County Courthouse; 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644, or by emailing apaulsen@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes may be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

Treasurer Assistant Job Vacancy Broadwater County Treasurer's Office

Broadwater County Treasurer's Office is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time position of Treasurer Assistant.

Duties and responsibilities include answering phones, processing mail, taxes, motor vehicles, cash receipting, and driver's license receipts on the computer system and with customers. 2 years experience in an office setting and computer skills required. Good customer service, attention to detail, and accounting/bookkeeping experience preferred. Valid driver's license is required. Applicant must pass a background check. Some overtime may be required during tax season.

Starting pay \$18.00 - \$19.00/hr., DOE. A complete job description can be obtained by sending a request to mfranks@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes, coversheets, references, and other application materials can be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled.

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Billings Clinic Broadwater Bids Farewell to Employee of 37 Years

Joe Salyer
Billings Clinic Broadwater

After 37 years of dedicated service, Kathy Carr has retired from her position at Billings Clinic Broadwater. Her final day was June 19, 2024. Kathy has been a cornerstone of the hospital's operations. Known for her unwavering commitment to patient care and her ability to adapt to the ever-evolving healthcare landscape, she played an instrumental role in both the laboratory and radiology departments. Kathy's colleagues and the community have long admired her for her expertise, kindness, and the personal touch she brought to her work. Her retirement marks the end of an era for the clinic, but her legacy of compassion and professionalism will continue to inspire those she worked with and the countless patients she cared for.



Kathy Carr
Provided by Kathy Carr

"Kathy has been an absolute stalwart here at Broadwater. She was part of a small team that was instrumental in keeping this hospital going when it was faced with being shut down. Her dedication to our patients and this community has been exemplified every day she has been here. She will be greatly missed!", said Justin Tiffany, Billings Clinic Broadwater CEO.

Kathy Carr started working at Broadwater Health Center on December 27th, 1987, as a full-time Medical

Technologist and Limited License Radiology Technician. "Back then, I was driving a 1970-something Volkswagen Rabbit diesel", she recalls.

Although Kathy grew up on a family farm in Dixon, Nebraska, where both her parents were also raised on farms, her maternal great-grandfather and his brother were originally from Butte, Montana. In the mid-1880s, the two built a raft and launched it from the headwaters of the Missouri River. They floated down to Vermillion, South Dakota where they would become the founding fathers of the small town of Ionia, Nebraska. It was reading her great-grandfather's journal that sparked Kathy's desire to come to Montana. She was fortunate to find a job right on the river she grew up on.

Before joining Broadwater Health Center, Kathy worked as a Lab Manager at Saunders County Memorial Hospital. Her children were aged 6 and 7 when she started at Broadwater Health Center, where, at the time, there was a clinic across the alley from the hospital. Townsend had two doctors who worked at the clinic and shared emergency room duties. There were also surgery and OB services. Kathy has always loved healthcare, especially working in small hospitals as a generalist. She worked closely with both patients and providers, learning so much from both. She has cared for multiple generations of families over the years.

Kathy's love for science and math initially led her to consider veterinary medicine, but allergies prevented her from pursuing that path. Instead, she found her passion in laboratory medicine. Reflecting on her career, she said the changes she has seen are numerous.

Kathy said that one of the greatest challenges in healthcare, then and now, is finances. She remembers times when their supplies came COD, meaning the supplier required payment immediately upon delivery. Kathy transitioned from bench tech to Manager in her first year there, eventually taking on roles as Radiology Manager and Infection Control. Despite these responsibilities, she always loved being a bench tech and working closely with patients.

"I have loved this community and everyone I work with; patients, providers and colleagues: we are like part of a big family," Kathy said. "Once I started, leaving was never an option." The people in our community, the lake and the mountains are the reasons I've stayed for all these years."

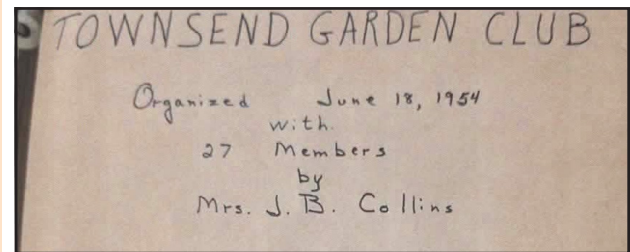
She and her husband were lucky enough to buy an old farmhouse with a couple of acres and, between their small hobby farm and projects on the old house, they keep busy.

When asked what message she would pass on to those still working at Broadwater Health Center, Kathy said, "Hang in there. It is difficult to work in healthcare right now." To the patients she has served, she would say, "I have totally enjoyed my time with you."

Happy 70th Birthday, Townsend Garden Club!

Marilyn Lane

The Townsend Garden Club & Study was organized by Mrs. JB Collins on June 18, 1954 with 27 members. "The objective of the Garden club shall be the advancement of gardening education and sponsoring projects for City and County beautification."



Original Organizational Notes
From the Broadwater Historical Museum Archives



Charter from 1954
From the Broadwater Historical Museum Archives

Through the years the Garden Club has completed many projects including the Bluebird Trail for which, Bill Burbart built the bird houses that were placed all over the county and Queen's Garden in Mesa Park. The Club fills barrels in front of local businesses, the hospital and senior retirement homes, with flowers each spring.

We also had classes on landscaping and gardening. We supported the Broadwater County Fair, Backyards of Broadway and our County Extension office.

The Club is happy to be able to provide one or two \$500 scholarships to local High School Seniors each year. We have participated in the local Farmer's Market. We supported and sponsored Scouts building planters for two rest homes that the residents can plant flowers in. We have helped plant trees in many locations in Townsend. We raised money to place the Blue Star Memorial Marker and put flowers in the garden at Veterans Park across from the Courthouse in Townsend.

The Garden Bug

Fireworks in the garden

These days you can find many flowers available for your garden that resemble fireworks and include the words "fireworks" or "firecracker" in their commercial name. The much-loved crossandra is known as "firecracker flower," and russelia is known as "firecracker plant."

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: naturewayflorida.com, monrovia.com, southernliving.com

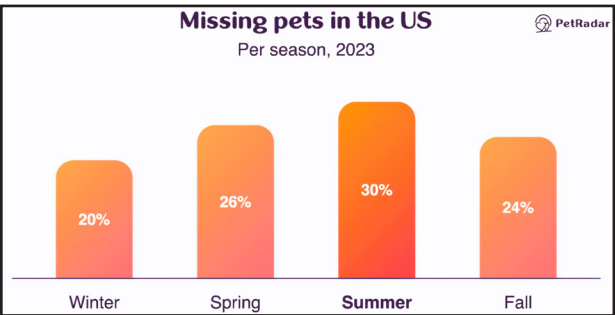
The earliest fireworks were developed in China from 960 to 1279, during the Song dynasty. The firework displays that resembled flowers were named after them, such as peonies, dahlias and chrysanthemums.

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US Missing Pets Spike By 49% in Summer

David Olthaar
Founder of Pet Radar

July is National Lost Pet Prevention Month. Data analysis by PetRadar has revealed a 49% increase in missing pets reported in the US during the summer months compared to winter.



As the chart shows, the US saw a significant jump in reported lost pets during the summer compared to the rest of the year.

From the 120,000 missing pets reported to PetRadar, the team has seen a similar trend around the world, highlighting just how dangerous the season can be for pets.

David Olthaar, the organization's founder, explains this trend:

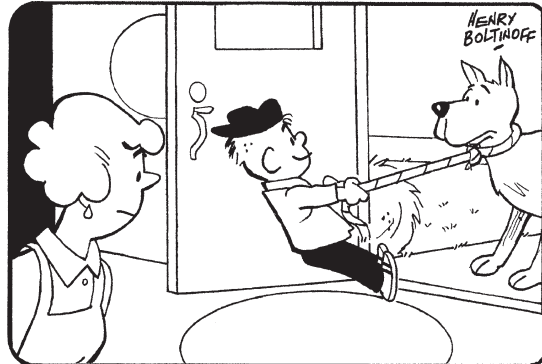
"Pets are creatures of habit and are more likely to run away when their routines change. So, when people go on holiday and leave them with a sitter, they can panic. Alongside this, windows and doors are likely to be opened in hot weather, creating the perfect escape route for an adventurous pet! You can also expect the 4th of July fireworks to trigger your pet's fight-or-flight instinct, causing them to run away."

With thousands of furry friends facing danger this summer, it's essential that owners know how to keep them safe. David shared the following tips for National Lost Pet Prevention Month to help pet parents in the US:

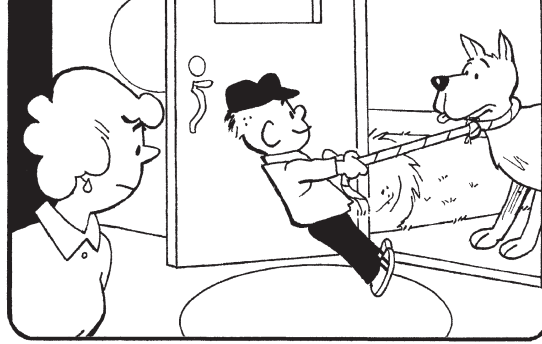
- Get your pet microchipped
- Ensure they wear a collar with an ID tag
- Opt for a GPS tracker
- Use a familiar friend or family member for pet-sitting
- Keep your pet in a secure area when doors and windows are open

More tips and information can be found in our Complete Guide for National Lost Pet Prevention Month 2024.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Americanisms



"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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City of Townsend Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Eric Crusch
Public Works Director



We're very pleased to provide you with the annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking

water. We obtain our water from three wells. They are located at 508 Broadway, 100 Railroad Avenue, and 519 North Oak.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Eric Crusch at (406) 266-3911. If you want to learn more about our water, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on August 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lots 5 and 6 in Block "D" of Potts-Harrison Addition to Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 811 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644.

Josie Sweat and Ross Wetzler, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Dubuque Bank and Trust Company, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on October 13, 2017, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 16, 2017 as Instrument No. 178766, in Book 183, at Page 26, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Assignment Dated: July 11, 2022
Assignment Recorded: July 12, 2022
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 194155, in Book 243, at Page 223,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 10, 2023 as Instrument No. 197495, in Book 255, at Page 865, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$126,339.55, interest in the sum of \$5,307.15, escrow advances of \$3,250.47, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,899.70 for a total amount owing of \$138,796.87, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks, or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024. Jason J. Henderson Substitute Trustee 38 2nd Avenue East Dickinson, ND 58601 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. MT21795
Published June 14, 21 and 28, 2024

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 PERSONAL PROPERTY taxes are due by 5:00p.m. on July 1st 2024. After that date the taxes become delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax, as per MCA 15-16701.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published June 14, 21 and 28, 2024

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH PETER PIAZZA, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-24-10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Eva L. Booker has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated June 21, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

Published June 21, 28 and July 5, 2024

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on November 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 21 of Mountain Vista Estates Subdivision as shown in Book 2 of Plats, page 87, located in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 12 Potosi Peak, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Matthew Marjamaa, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Manhattan Bank, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on January 8, 2010, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 162647, in Book 128, at Page 154, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Assignment Dated: June 14, 2017

Assignment Recorded: June 20, 2017

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 177621, in Book 179, at Page 726

Assignee: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Assignment Dated: April 2, 2021

Assignment Recorded: April 13, 2021

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 189149, in Book 222, at Page 544

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 10, 2023, as Instrument No. 197010, in Book 254, at Page 13, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning January 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$125,111.98, interest in the sum of \$3,602.85, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$2,243.89 for a total amount owing of \$130,958.72, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2024. Jason J. Henderson Substitute Trustee 38 2nd Avenue East Dickinson, ND 58601 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. MT21461
Published June 28, July 5 & 12, 2024

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY HELENA BOGGS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jill Laslovich has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate.

All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or their claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the estate, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 797, Helena, MT 59624, or filed with the Clerk of this Court.

Dated June 19, 2024

Jill Laslovich, Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Helena Boggs

Published June 28, July 5 and 12, 2024

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June 2

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, June 21, 2024, is as follows:

Robin Cossins appeared on a Bail Modification. His Adult Probation & Parole Officer, Faith Niles, Bozeman, appeared by Zoom; and said that upon review of his file, found out that Cossins has nine lifetime DUIs, including a Revocation out of Ravalli County on a DUI. Bail is reduced to \$20,000. If he is released, he must report to Adult Probation & Parole within 24 hours.

John Hansson will have the Omnibus filed today; but, a resolution to this case is in the works.

Gordon Breeden had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to failure to register a vehicle, speeding, and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, all misdemeanors. He receives 10 months credit time served. He must pay \$570 in fines. Count 4 (cpdp) is deferred six months. He has a bed date at Badlands Treatment Center. He must pay \$90 in fees and surcharges.

Gary Hamilton appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to misdemeanor charges, (1) partner/family assault, (2) resisting arrest and (3) disorderly conduct. In his elocution, he pulled a boxcutter during an argument. LEO arrived; Hamilton would not comply to their requests, so they had to put their hands on him. He is Sentenced to (ct 1) one day in jail, (ct2) six months in jail, minus 5 days. (ct 3) one-year BCDC, all suspended except for 12 days. He must pay a \$100 fine, \$100 fees & surcharges, plus 40 hours of anger management.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jason Palevsky, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
Per Lagerback, Chanhassen, MN: day speed \$120.00
Trenton Hoveland, Townsend: restricted speed \$105.00
Jennifer Fiegen, Wilmette, IL: night speed \$20.00
Forrest Fairbanks, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$70.00
Hans Dubose, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
William Darby, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Ronald Abramson, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Tina Steeger, Helena: expired registration \$85.00 Day speed \$70.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jennifer Wells – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.
Ronda Orton- Three Forks – owner permitting operation of vehicle without liability insurance-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Scott Dambrosia, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Thomas Smith, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Karsten Pease, Helena: restricted speed \$85.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

William Angell – Yellowstone Co. Justice Court, \$2635.00 bond

“If you are in pain, don't inflict it upon others; instead, use it as fuel to pursue your purpose.”



~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

Broadwater County Launches New

Text Messaging Service to Communicate with Residents

Broadwater County is excited to announce the launch of TextMyGov text alerts and notifications which is a new text messaging service that provides residents with important information such as road closures, public hearings, and voter registration information direct to your phone. Broadwater County will officially launch the new text messaging service the week of June 24. You may receive a text message from 91896. This will

be a legitimate text from Broadwater County. Users can opt-out of all texts at any time by texting STOP. Your information will not be shared with any third parties and only official Broadwater County notifications will be sent.

If you did not receive the initial message, you can choose to opt-in by texting BCNOTIFY to 91896. After you send this initial keyword, you will be asked to reply with a 'YES'; to confirm the opt-in.

Other governmental entities across the country are utilizing this system with great success. In the upcoming months, other features will be available to find information and report issues to your local county government offices.

If you would like location-specific text notifications, please email dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us with your full name, phone number and physical address so you can be added to the TextMyGov map database.

Broadwater County is excited to offer this new option to reach more residents and looks forward to sharing important notifications with you in the future. We encourage residents to also sign up for email notifications on the Broadwater County website at: www.broadwatercountymt.com/subscribe.

Lawmakers Muse About Health Coverage for Montanans Disenrolled from Medicaid

Mara Silvers
Montana Free Press



This article written by Mara Silvers is republished here courtesy of the Montana Free Press.

A yearlong effort to reassess each Medicaid enrollee's eligibility for the public health program has seen the state disenroll more than 135,000 Montanans.

This story is adapted from the MT Lowdown, a weekly newsletter digest containing original reporting and analysis published every Friday.

For more than a year, Montana's state health department has been embroiled in a sweeping effort to "unwind" the state Medicaid program, conducting a mass eligibility review of every person enrolled in the public health program, which provides health coverage for many lower-income residents.

The unwinding, being conducted after federal officials lifted pandemic-era restrictions on striking people from the Medicaid rolls last year, has seen the state remove more than 135,000 Montanans from the program. Department data indicates that most of those removals, nearly two-thirds, have been because prior enrollees didn't provide information the department had requested for verifying their eligibility status, rather than because a complete review had deemed them ineligible.

As the unwinding process concludes, Department of Public Health and Human Services officials plan to release a full report on the impacts of the redetermination process by the end of the month. They also spoke last week with a committee of lawmakers who oversee the agency's budget, giving the public an initial glimpse of what the state Medicaid system looks like now that the redetermination process is mostly complete.

State health officials said that Montana's overall Medicaid enrollment had dropped to below pre-pandemic levels and slightly below the department's projected enrollment for when the redetermination period ended. That applies to both the traditional Medicaid population — including children, older people and those with disabilities — and people covered by Montana's Medicaid expansion — single adults who are eligible for the program because of their lower monthly income.

Legislative budget staffers separately calculated that the decline in Medicaid enrollment was projected to create a \$202 million budget surplus, though mostly for federal funds. Analysts estimate that \$40 million of the savings would come from the portion of the Medicaid budget paid for with state dollars.

Health officials said that roughly 9% of enrollment cases, representing nearly 20,000 people, are still pending, mostly involving people with particularly complex medical or financial circumstances. Beyond that, the department indicated it is returning to its normal application processing and case review, where officials reassess Medicaid eligibility when an enrollee reports a change in their circumstances, such as the number of people in their household or their income.

But pinpointing the true "end" of the Medicaid redetermination era is not as simple as health department officials might like. The agency isn't tracking the health insurance status of the 135,000-plus people no longer covered by the state. Some of those people may have found coverage through the federal health insurance marketplace or their employer, while others may simply be uninsured. It's also unclear how many of the former enrollees will end up successfully reapplying for Medicaid coverage at a future date.

Lawmaker reactions to the department's update were split by party affiliation. Democrats, who have repeatedly used the Medicaid unwinding as a political cudgel against the administration of Gov. Greg Gianforte, questioned Director Charlie Brereton about the department's next steps in trying to reach back out to the people who lost coverage because of communication lapses.

"We have a fair number of folks who just sort of disappeared off the map here," said Sen. Chris Pope, D-Bozeman. "There's probably some folks that were on the rolls that still would like to be on the rolls and would still qualify ... Do we just close the book on this?"

Brereton, in short, said yes — the department is not planning to continue any public messaging or outreach campaigns related to redetermination. Anyone who thinks they're eligible for Medicaid, he added, is welcome to apply.

Sen. Carl Glimm, R-Kila, said he's more optimistic that many of the people who didn't respond to the department's redetermination inquiries had simply found health coverage elsewhere.

"I would point out that, almost anywhere you go in the state, there is 'help wanted' signs everywhere," Glimm said. "I think it's fully realistic to think that a lot of these people came off the rolls because they are ineligible. And they knew they were ineligible, so they didn't reapply. And that's a success."

"I would subscribe to that view. It'd be a lot easier to do so if there was data," Pope replied. "I think that's a decent sort of representation of what could be happening out there in the world, but we really don't know."

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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, July 1, 2024

10:00 AM Human Resource Meeting to Adopt Grievance Response

Meeting is subject to closure during the time the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy

12:30 PM Zoom Working Meeting in the Commission Office with MACo, Representative Gillette, and Commissioners Regarding State Water Law

3:00 PM Working Meeting in the Commission Office with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, Regarding Projects and Deadlines

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

3:00 PM Working Meeting in the Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, Regarding Projects and Deadlines

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

10:00 AM Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Community Development Director and Planner Nichole Brown, Wood Family Transfer Exemption Request, Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Memorandum of Agreement between Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office Regarding Office Space at the Headwaters Rest Area.

The courthouse will be closed Thursday, July 4

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters

Debi Randolph, Vice Chairman
(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Chairman
(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer
(406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Board of Health Meeting on July 1st at 2:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on July 1st at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on July 9th at 11:30 AM
- Broadwater County Planning Board Meeting on July 9th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 9th at 6:00 PM
- LAC Meeting on July 10th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on July 11th at 5:30 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on July 15th at 2:00 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on July 15th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito District Board Meeting on July 16th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito District Board Meeting on July 16th at 4:00 PM
- Broadwater County Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 16th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on July 17th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on July 18th at 1:00 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

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Fri 6/28	Sat 6/29	Sun 6/30	Mon 7/01	Tue 7/02
Very Light Rain Showers	Partly Cloudy	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Mostly Clear
64° 47°	77° 55°	74° 54°	70° 51°	76° 51°
32%	0%	38%	64%	0%
10 30 mph	6 13 mph	5 21 mph	8 31 mph	7 25 mph

Precipitation:

January: 0.047"	February: 0.292"
March: 0.409"	April: 1.189"
May: 2.721"	June: 0.968"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 5.579"

SCRABLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Distress
MAIDSY

Deplete
RANDI

Spree
BEGIN

Gorge
FATES

TODAY'S WORD

"Your wife claims to have _____ but she may just be pulling a fast one."

CryptoQuip
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.
Clue: F equals T

Z'P OIYMPYAUCE FZMOV YR
WJNZIS IY TJMOOM JIV FWAU
UFMASSCZIS RZIJITZJCCE.
Z IOOV J NYTJFZYI!

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KNIGHT MOVES

R	H	N
O		S
C	E	O

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.
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Super Crossword

CABINET-MAKING

ACROSS

1 Cha-cha's cousin
6 Chain selling dog chains
11 Honeycomb unit
15 Molar point
19 Ring around a lagoon
20 Sag down
21 Medley
22 Concerning
23 Basketball guarding strategy
25 Not dependent on eyesight
27 U.S. Navy petty officers
28 What a moving body has
30 Massey of movies
33 Lith. was one until 1991
34 Run for a long football pass
35 Gym class
42 Sts. and aves.
43 Remini of "Fired Up"
44 Decorative wheel cover
45 Put an — (cease)

47 Higher-ranking
49 Ballet garb
50 Emergency removal, for short
52 Construction girder
56 Commoners, collectively
58 Transaction of business via e-devices
61 Volcano in Japan
63 — Jose
64 "Luck Be a Lady" composer Frank
65 Enter
69 Work contrasted with a desk job
73 To be, in
74 Belly
76 Mao — -tung
77 Investments for later yrs.
79 Nickname for Michigan
83 Eggnog spice
88 Typed (in)
89 Trial run
90 Supplies with a staff
92 Oyster's prize
93 Cars for VIPs
95 Big arteries

97 "Auld Lang —"
98 Police alert, for short
101 Flight travel
105 Arab leaders
107 Really cold
108 Sparkly crown
109 Fitting retribution
114 Composer Jean-Philippe —
118 Possess with shallow passion
119 Eight U.S. ones are featured in this puzzle
122 Fishing spool
123 Eternally
124 Verdugo of "Panama Sa"

125 Art film, often
126 Water swirl
127 Maple fluids
128 First-string athletic group
129 Ceases

DOWN

1 Labyrinthine
2 Dip — in the water
3 Part of MSG
4 Ugly blotches
5 Nickname for Yale University
6 Adobe file suffix
7 Sooner than
8 Honky- — music
9 Mozart's " — Fan Tutte"
10 Loses one's inhibitions
11 Iran- — Affair
12 Race created by H.G. Wells
13 "The Mod Squad" cop
14 Amor, for one
15 Scouted before a heist
16 Loan shark
17 Put on, as a play
18 Corals, e.g.
24 Cain's eldest
26 Submitted by the dead-line, say
29 PC panic button
31 Seagoing: Abbr.
32 Egg-white protein
35 Prune-to-be, perhaps
36 Acronym for many vacuum cleaner filters
37 Barks shrilly
38 Outer: Prefix
39 Paint crudely
40 Audio equipment brand
41 With a variety of hues
46 Like sumo stars
48 Ring official
50 Israeli carrier
51 — cava
53 Once, quaintly
54 PC brand
55 Paltry
57 Part of Babylonia
59 Dot in the sea
60 Erin of "Happy Days"
62 Custodial worker
65 Stare stupidly
66 Double-reed woodwind
67 In a lazy way
68 Inventive
70 Salt Lake City athletes
71 Admin. aide
72 "A —!" ("Adieu!")
75 Press release packet
78 Have dinner
80 Hawk's home
81 "Famous" cookie guy
82 Pool cover
84 Bible division
85 Polite request beginner
86 Cube creator Rubik
87 Valley
91 Agra dress
94 Blunders
95 "Got a guess?"
96 Onset
98 Reach for the sky
99 Gave a buzz
100 Bellyached
102 Choir platforms
103 Behave
104 Partner of Athos and Porthos
106 Rome's home
110 Joe in a mug
111 Lone Star sch.112 Ancient Brit
113 Duel sword
115 Prefix that's the opposite of 38-Down
116 "Take — from me"
117 Functions
120 Comedian Gastyer
121 Aristes' symbol

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

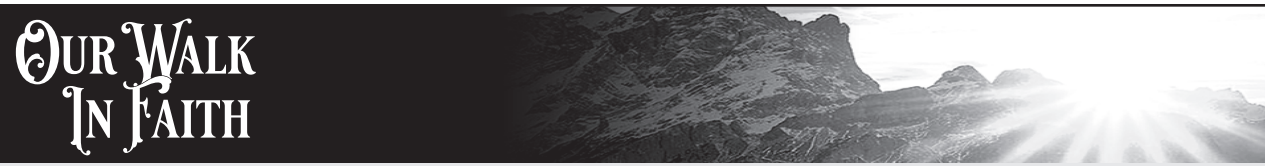
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7				5	6	
	3		6			7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

Elkhorn Community Fellowship

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Sunday: 11:00am- Services

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades

| 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811

email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

Livestream: [Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406](https://www.facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406)
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg
Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458

Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848

Sunday: 9:30am Services

Second Tuesday of the month: 6:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.

Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270

Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390

TownsendUMC.org

Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship

20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services

Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades



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Tossed Salad with

Beans

Golden Pears

Wednesday, July 3

BBQ Pork Ribs

Macaroni Salad

Sweet Corn

Pickled Beets

Whole Grain Bread

Golden Pears

Thursday, July 4

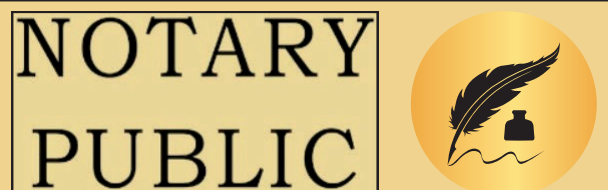
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Advice: Who Gives the Best?

An interesting question, eh? God gives the BEST advice IF we learn to really listen! Some people would say: "Oh you think God talks to you?" Any true Christian can say YES, without a doubt. Again, IF you learn HOW to listen to God's words, I'm not even talking about his messages through the Bible. I'm talking about those times when you leave a certain place, your home etc.. and you start out heading in one direction but "Something" makes you think, "No I think I'll go the other way", You don't know why, but you do and you learn later that IF you had gone the way you originally wanted to go, you would have been involved in some kind of trouble. Congratulations, you have just listened to God!

Sounds too simple, eh? It's not, but then again God is not complicated. He has very BASIC rules, you know the 10 so I'm not going to repeat them. His greatest hits though are: Love him, and TRY to love everyone else like you would like to be loved. All the commandments are covered under this umbrella.

What about other advice? The kind you get from your neighbors or store owners? I know many people get advice/counseling from mental health professionals. (Why aren't they called Doctors, or Psychiatrists anymore?) Strangely enough, your neighborhood bartenders can give sound advice. They deal with us nuts... I mean regular customers with all kinds of problems, every day. They used to call our acquaintances who give out advice, "Guardhouse Lawyers". Probably because they have been in jail, or the guardhouse before. NOT someone who you would want to listen too closely to. If they were so full of great advice, MAYBE they wouldn't be in the "hoosgow" to begin with.

Close friends and relatives can USUALLY be relied on to give good advice. If you are asking questions on a certain subject, it might be a good idea to ask the folks who ACTUALLY work in the job you are asking about. Seems logical, doesn't it?

It reminds me of a story.

A man is driving down a city road, and he gets a flat tire right across the street from an insane asylum. He gets out of his car and looks at the tire, he starts to fix the flat and sees one of the inmates looking at him from behind the fence. The guy is quiet so all is well UNTIL the driver drops 3 of his lug nuts down a drain. He starts to panic, but he hears the inmate say, "Just take one lug nut off the other 3 tires, that way you will be able to drive to a service station". The driver says "That's brilliant, what are you doing in there"? the inmate says, "Hey I'm crazy, not stupid!" See advice can come from anywhere, just be careful about using it.

Parcel Added to Missouri Headwaters State Park

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



New parcel is expected to open partially in fall, 2024.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has acquired a 26-acre parcel for inclusion into Missouri Headwaters State Park.

This addition permanently secures important habitat and cultural resources on the property, which was a private inholding that bisected the park's eastern edge. Once opened to public visitors, it will also provide greater continuity and expanded recreational opportunities.

The acquisition received overwhelming public support throughout the process, which included an environmental assessment. The Montana State Parks and Recreation Board gave initial approval for the acquisition on Feb. 5, followed by final approval by the Montana Board of Land Commissioners on March 18.

The parcel was purchased for \$930,000 by the Montana State Parks Foundation using funds provided by a grant from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust and facilitated by the Montana Outdoor Legacy Foundation. The foundation then donated the property to FWP on April 29.

"This project has been a goal for the family who owned the property and FWP for many years," said Linnaea Schroerer, FWP's Parks and Outdoor Recreation Program manager in Region 3. "We are so grateful to all who have helped make this acquisition possible. It will secure and protect important cultural, habitat and recreational resources for one of Montana's most beloved state parks."

FWP staff will be working to remove old farm equipment, fencing and other structures from the parcel. This work will be completed in phases, and walk-in public access is expected to be opened partially in fall 2024. Until then, public access to the area will be restricted due to safety risks.

Within the boundaries of Missouri Headwaters State Park, the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers merge to form the Missouri River, the longest river in the U.S. This area is significant to Native American peoples and was visited by members of the Corps of Discovery in 1805. Now a national historic landmark, the park hosts thousands of visitors each year. The park is about 5 miles northeast of Three Forks on Trident Road. For more information about the park, please visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/missouri-headwaters or call 406-285-3610.

Sign-up for Surplus Drawing Licenses

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Starting June 19, hunters can sign up for the Surplus License List, which is a list of leftover licenses that were not distributed by the drawing. The list will be randomized, with hunters at the top of the list contacted via email with instructions to finalize their purchase within a specified time.

Resident and nonresident hunters can sign up through the MyFWP portal. This process requires hunters to keep their email address current in their ALS records. Payment of the license fee is not required to sign up on the Surplus License List. Getting a license from this list has no effect on existing bonus points.

Hunters must finalize the purchase of the license/permit within the timeframe specified in the email; otherwise, the opportunity will be offered to the next hunter on the randomized list. FWP may offer opportunities that have not sold out through the Surplus License

List to over-the-counter customers at our internal and external license sale providers.

The timeframes to sign up for the various licenses and permits are as follows:

Deer B and Elk B License: June 19 – July 19

Deer and Elk Permits are not available

Nonresidents who hold a 2024 Combination License can hold a maximum of two Deer B Licenses in addition to their Combination License. Nonresidents without a 2024 Combination License can only hold a maximum of one Deer B License.

Nonresidents who hold a Nonresident Native License, Youth Combo License or Nonresident College Student Combination License may purchase Deer B and Elk B licenses at half price.

To sign up, go to myfwp.mt.gov/fwpxtPortal/myDrawResult_input.action.

For more information, contact the FWP licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplc@mt.gov.

OBITUARY

In Memory Of

**Marlene Ann Johnson, age 77, of Townsend
March 8, 1947 – June 17, 2024**

Family of Marlene Ann Johnson

On the morning of June 17th, 2024, Mom left our world to travel to her next while listening to “Baby’s Got Her Blue Jeans On” with her granddaughter, Jessie, by her side. Mom was always ready for a road trip. She was a loving wife, a wonderful mom, don’t touch my kids Gramma and Great Gramma, and a protective big sister and auntie to many. She was the first leader of our pack! Mom was born in Park Rapids, MN, on March 8th, 1947, to Joseph and Bessie (Blount) Tatro. She joined 7 older siblings with one more to follow after her. I remember her telling us about playing in Grandpa Joe’s auto junkyard. She learned to play the accordion sitting on his lap; Mom played the buttons and Grandpa played the keys. Mom played trombone in the school band from a young age. She was Queen of the Paul Bunyan Days parade in Akeley when she was 15.

After a whirlwind of romance of only a couple months, Mom married her loving husband of 59 years, Jeremiah Johnson, on August 15th, 1964, in Akeley, MN. The whirlwind included dates at the “Old Burger Drive Inn” in Park Rapids; (their first) rides in Dad’s 1958 Ford retractable hard top. Ten months after marriage, their oldest daughter Kim was born in June of 1965, followed by Karen in December of 1968. They lived in numerous states and places either for work or to be closer to family. Mom had a lot of adventures as a logger’s wife! Too many to mention here but a couple come to mind. The night up Rock Creek outside of Townsend in our little camper with all the guns loaded and a grizzly bear outside all night. There was also a rattlesnake outside of Greycliff that Dad killed with a chainsaw. It didn’t matter if it was in our little camper, a tent, or an old cabin in the mountains, Mom always made it home. Mom and Dad traveled until the grandbabies started to arrive and spoiling them was required. Mom was perfect for the job. There are 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, so it was a full-time thing. Mom loved to play her accordion and keyboard, watching Viking’s games with Dad, listening to her 50’s country music, and could polka and two-step with the best of ‘em.

Surviving Marlene is her loving husband of 59 years, Jerry; daughter, Kim (Ray) of White Sulphur Springs; daughter, Karen of Townsend; her little sister, Bonnie (Cleo) of Akeley, MN; Grandchildren, Kelly Jr. (Tacy), Becky (Tim), Ryan (Evey), Jessie, Kodi (Josh), Jeri Ann (James), Ali (John), Cheyenne (Cody), Kelly (Tabby); great-grandchildren, Kade, Dre, Kyrsten, Gabby, Julian, Adrian, Gabe, Zack, Arin, Ericka, Jesslyn, Jamie, Jenny, Justin, Sam, Timmy, Jax, Silas, and Asher. So many other nieces and nephews that I’m not sure of but she loved them all.

Waiting to meet Mom when she traveled on were her parents, Joseph and Bessie; 3 big brothers, Virgil, Ralph, and Joseph Jr.; 4 big sisters, Verla, Verna, Kathy, and Beverly; son-in-law Kelly Swanton Sr. and grandson Kael Larson.

Fly High Mom, until we meet again!

The following was written by Jeri Ann, Marlene’s granddaughter:

“When we were little gramma would rub the middle of our forehead in between our eyes and whisper, “Shhh... listen, shhh... listen.” Over and over again. She wouldn’t stop until our tummy aches went away or until we fell asleep. She continued this with her great-grandbabies too.

I had the privilege of doing the same for Gramma while she was preparing to go home to be with her daddy and mom.

Grandma danced into heaven at 10:27 am June 17th, 2024. I can only imagine the welcome she had!

I learned how to care for people, love whoever needed to be loved in that moment, how to fight fiercely for family either by blood or by choice and I definitely grew into the woman I am today because of my gramma.

She wasn’t just my gramma but a mom and grandma to so many. Too many to count; that’s just who she was. Once she took you in, you couldn’t escape from Gramma. You were her family, period. And she was fiercely protective over you.

I know this isn’t goodbye, I will be listening, Gramma. That’s how you prepared us to know that you always be there. I know that now.

How much do I love you? I love you to the moon and back. That’s a lot of - Lots of loving.....Lots of loving Gramma”

As per Mom’s wishes, no services will be held but there will be a remembrance of life in Akeley, MN at a later date.

ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Polson



Miracle of America Museum
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Fully equipped ice cream parlor minus the ice cream!
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Brenda Phillips



On a recent road trip to Whitefish we took a different route coming home. We drove down the west side of Flathead Lake. The view of the lake and the Mission Mountains was spectacular.

In Polson we stopped at the Miracle of America Museum. This non-profit organization was founded by Gil & Joanne Mangels in 1981. It is one of the largest collections of American history memorabilia. I saw a sign that says that this is the “Smithsonian out West”. No matter what your interests are, you will find something you like.

There is a lot of Military history which includes, guns & ammunition, uniforms, posters & maps, jeeps, tanks and vehicles, a few airplanes and helicopters, radio & communication equipment, awards & metals and so much more. Out back there is a whole frontier community that contains a barbershop, church, school, dentist office, stores, blacksmith shop, barns and many more. Each building is equipped with all of the tools and amenities of days gone by. When you enter the parking lot you can’t miss the large ferry boat jutting out of their building. Inside the museum, you can come aboard the ferry. Looking at the construction of the boat, I wondered how it could even float.

There is a local artisan that makes things of scrap metal. His imagination has conjured up people, aliens, animals and lots more, that are made of the oddest leftover parts. There is an interactive area that interested the kids, with musical sculptures that they can strike with a mallet, to listen to the tones of the different metals.

One of the oddest things we saw was an electric permanent wave machine in the beauty parlor. They had one hooked up to a mannequin and it looked scary. They had several of these devices in their collection, which makes me wonder, were these a popular fad of the 50's or something that didn't really go over well!

There were items relating to Horses & Farming and Ag, a large motorcycle and bicycle collection, antique cars & trucks, a collection of snowmobiles over the ages. We saw every hardware item you could ever imagine and household items, including an outbuilding with the evolution of electrical appliances.

We strolled around this museum for more than 2 hours and I’m sure we didn’t see it all. If you are in the Polson area, you’ll need to make time to stop in and step back into history.

Brenda and Kurt Phillips are from Townsend and enjoy visiting Montana’s scenic and historic sites.



Perm machine from the 1950's
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Historic Ferry Boat at Miracle of America Museum
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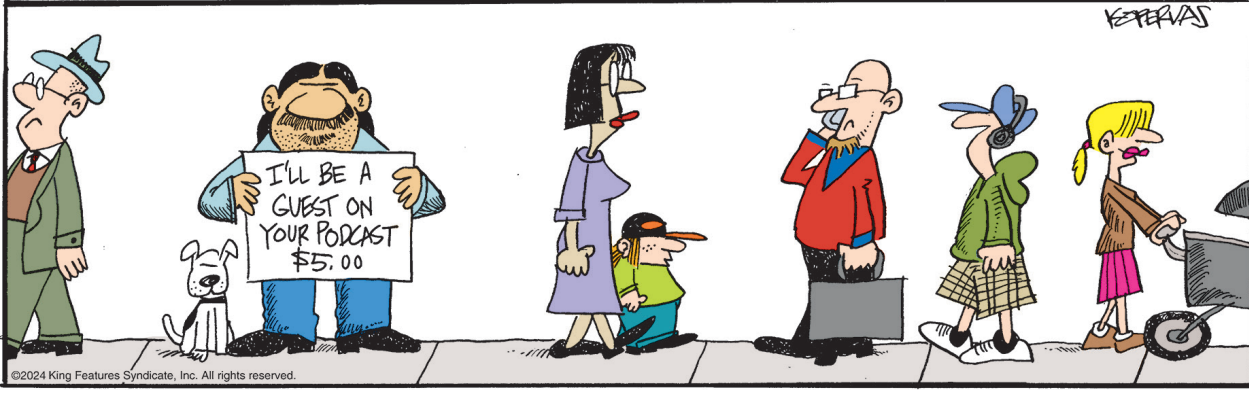
GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"And to my gold-digger wife, I leave my pick and shovel."

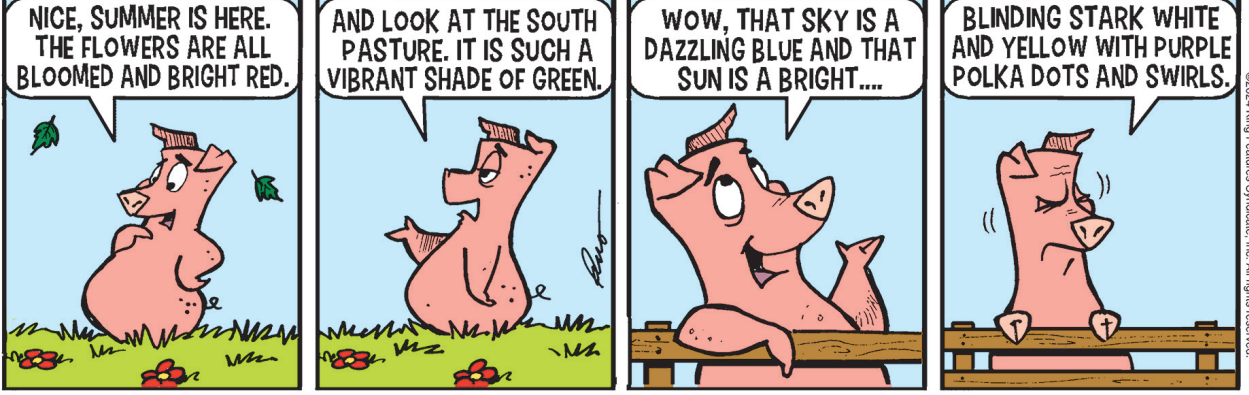
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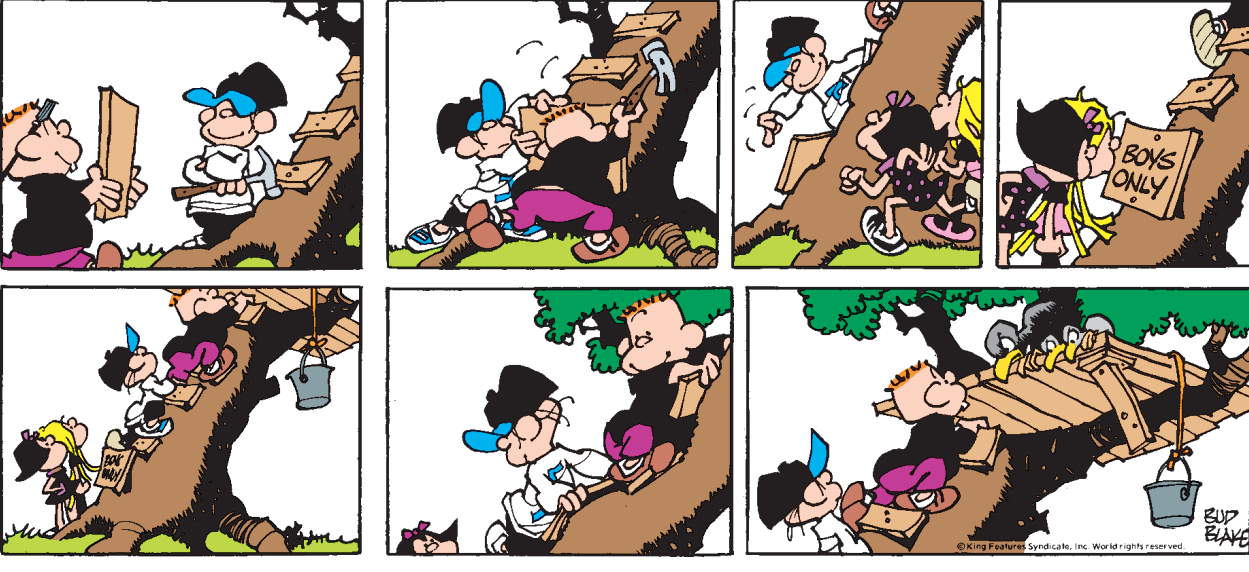
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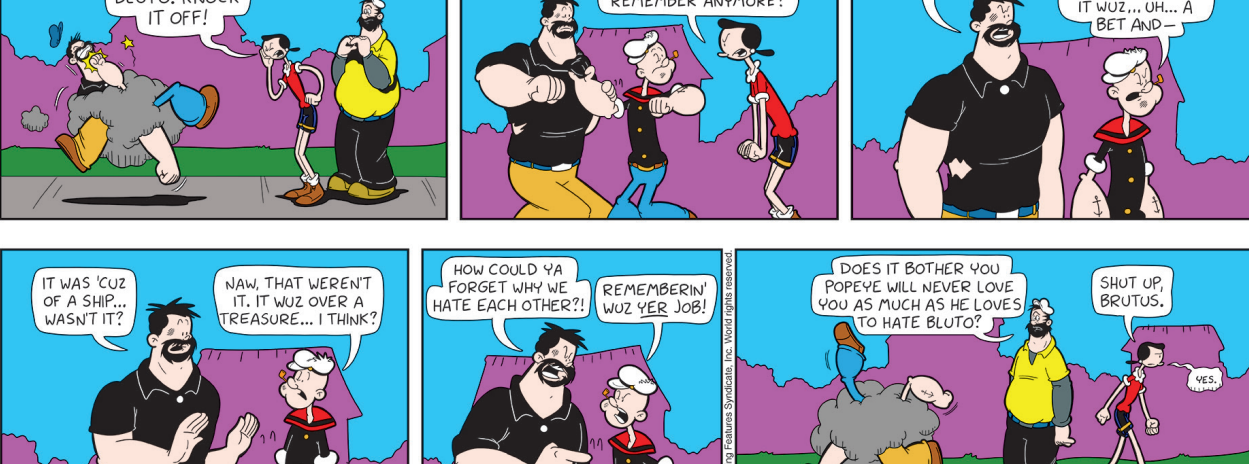
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CryptoQuip
answer

I'm enormously tired of having no career and thus struggling financially. I need a vocation!

— KNIGHT MOVES —
Answer

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C	E	O

SCHOONER

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Dismay; 2. Drain; 3. Binge; 4. Feast

Today's Word
AMNESIA

Kids' Maze Solution

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Super Crossword
Answers

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Broadwater County Hosts 4-h Members from Pennsylvania



4-H Interstate Exchange participants from Montana and Pennsylvania at Yellowstone National Park. Photo Provided by Allison Kosto

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Participants in the Broadwater County 4-H Exchange program are Andrew Beatty, Anna Beatty, Kay Crusch, Patrick Des Chene, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Autumn Henke, Grace Kroeger, Elaine MacDonald, Abigail McCauley, Kaitlyn Noyes, Haedyn Poe, Savannah Paulsen-McLaughlin, Cinch Reynolds, Stetson Reynolds and MaKenzie Truesdell. 4-H leaders, Jennifer and Todd Beatty coordinate the program.

The program took place on June 16-22. After a late arrival due to a delayed flight, the Pennsylvania delegates got settled into the homes of their Montana host family. Next, they headed to Battle Creek Ranch near White Sulphur Springs to experience life on a Montana working ranch for a couple of days with gracious hosts, Lary and Shelly Richtmyer. Even through inclement weather, the group enjoyed horseback riding, fishing, hiking, games and bonding. They ended the second day with a trip to the natural hot springs at White Sulphur.

After a night with their host families, the group joined together again to learn about Montana's history with a trip to Nevada and Virginia Cities. They participated in tours and gold panning, and no trip to Virginia City is complete without a visit to the creamery and candy store! That evening, the delegates enjoyed a family night at Indian Creek Campground with a shrimp boil and games.

The next day, the group explored our state's capital

with a guided tour of the capital building and even got to meet the lieutenant governor, Kristen Juras. Next, it was a stop at Last Chance Gulch to visit the Big Dipper. The day ended with a tour of Gates of the Mountains.

The final day in Montana was a long one that included a journey to Yellowstone National Park. Along the way, the group stopped in Jardine to visit the Hells-a-Roarin' Outfitting, owned by Warren and Susan Johnson. The group got another taste of Western hospitality and culture, learning about this unique horse-packing business on the edge of a national park. On the way through the park, the group stopped at several places including the infamous Old Faithful Geyser.

On Saturday, the Pennsylvania delegation left bright and early. Next year, the Pennsylvanians look forward to hosting Broadwater County 4-H members in their homes and sharing their own culture, history and lifestyle.

A big thank you to Jennifer, Todd and all the parents who stepped up and helped for the week.

For more information about 4-H, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension. Participants in the 4-H Interstate Exchange must be enrolled in a 4-H Club and participate in at least one project.

For one week, fourteen 4-H members and two chaperones from Bradford County, Pennsylvania got to experience life in southwest Montana. Members of the Broadwater County 4-H Interstate Exchange program hosted them in their homes, shared their 4-H projects, explored our state's unique tourist attractions and shared our Montana lifestyle.

The 4-H Interstate Exchange program is a learning experience in which teenage youth from a club, community, or county visit the homes of 4-H members in another geographical area and then visit them in return the following year. The program requires a two-year commitment for both hosting and travel. 4-H Exchanges provide opportunities for 4-H youth to travel, sightsee, meet new people, make new friends and connections, explore expanding interests, experience how others live, and see other 4-H members in action. Exchange programs are an important educational experience for 4-H teens by giving them a chance to experience a culture different from their own and help participants recognize the value and celebrate diversity.

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2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford <i>See Calamity Jane through the eyes of Dora Dufran</i>	5 PM
JUNE 28	3-6 PM	Duane and Lauren Simonich <i>A Townsend Husband and Wife Acoustic Duo</i>	5 PM
JULY 12	3-6 PM	Duane Simonich and Kyle Altman <i>Acoustic Worship, Country, Rock, Folk, Alt Rock</i>	5 PM
JULY 26	3-6 PM	The Moonshiner Band <i>Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Folk</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 9	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire <i>A Canton Church Favorite playing country and folk music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 23	3-6 PM	Linda Huth <i>Broadwater County Women's Groups through history</i>	5 PM

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

ALWAYS THINK "ACCELERATE," THEN STROKE FIRMLY ON SHORT PUTTS WHEN YOU'RE UNDER PRESSURE.

FIRST HOLD "STROKING FITS" YOUR STRONG ADRENALIN FLOW AT SUCH MOMENTS.

SECOND TRYING TO "DIE" THE BALL INTO THE HOLE WHEN YOUR NERVES ARE TIGHT MAKES IT VERY TOUGH TO KEEP THE PUTTER HEAD ACCELERATING THROUGH THE BALL.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

PLACEMENT OVER POWER

It's a common error to try and hit the smash with too much power, thinking you need to overpower the opponent to win the point. Your overhead should be hit with moderate power. Try to maintain a smooth swing.

ON THE OVERHEAD

Smart players will hit the overhead with less brute force and instead try for precise placement. It's more effective to hit the overhead with half the power, but angled to the side - try aiming at where a service line meets a sideline.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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June 27

1912

Judge Pool Busy This Week

A wholesale bunch of farmers were gathered in Wednesday by Sheriff Doggett on a charge of allowing water from their irrigating ditches to flow into the public highway. The charge was preferred by the road supervisor. The cases came up before his honor, Judge Pool, for adjudication, with Prosecuting Attorney Cotter representing the county.

Eight defendants were before the judge as follows: Jas. Gill, Frank Powers, D.J. McCarthy, Con Mannix, Lee Wilson, Jas. McKane, John Whaley and Mrs. Mahony. Lee Wilson and John Whaley, who are located on the Montana Ditch, plead guilty and were fined \$5 each. The cases against the other defendants, who are on the Yankee ditch, were discharged. Whaley figured that it would be cheaper to pay the fine than fight the case, at the same time protesting that he was in the right. He even had it figured out that he ought to get off for feeding Doggett the best breakfast he had had in weeks when he came out to arrest him.

Doings of a Week

Jeff Doggett, with a thousand sheep on a thousand hills, is loading up the local warehouse with 75,000 pounds of wool this week. Jeff is reported to have sold his output at 19 cents.

1940

Peggy Petersen Honored on Birth Anniversary

Miss Peggy Petersen was honored on the occasion of her 14th birthday anniversary when Mrs. F.W. Pinney and daughter, Ann, entertained for her at a picnic and swimming party last Friday.

The guests enjoyed the plunge in White Sulphur Springs and picnic in beautiful Deep Creek canyon en route home. In the party were: Dorothy Ballard, Mary Agnes Ragen, Shirley Sautter, Ernestine Troutman of Helena, Merle Emmert, John Ragen, Pat Hooks, Bobby McCarthy and Peggy Petersen and Ann Pinney.

Radersburg News

Mrs. Minnie Holdaway has sold two houses on main street in Radersburg to Robert Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughter have moved into one of the houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Poe and daughter, Adeline, of the valley were calling on friends and relatives in the Burg one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Bomar and family left Sunday for a vacation with friends and relatives in Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and family were Townsend callers Friday evening.

George Pennell, Mrs. Guy Tusing and Fay Hough were business callers in Townsend Friday.

1968

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Del Wallace returned Wednesday,

June 19, from Pleasantville, N.J., where they had been visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald M. Johnson and two children, the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beyers and daughter, Byrl, returned to their home in Toston Saturday from Wheeler, Ore., where Mr. Beyers had spent the past month taking treatments at the Rinehart Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watterson and children, Linda and Stevie, spent the week-end near Bozeman with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson.

Mrs. Dave Schledewitz and daughters, Sheryl and Arliss, returned June 14 from Culbertson after visiting relatives and friends there for a week.

1996

Mayor Upton Honored for Anniversary

Mary Alice Upton was honored for 10 years of service as mayor of Townsend during the June 18 city council meeting.

The council and their spokesman, Doug Breker, surprised the mayor with a bouquet of flowers, a gift certificate to the Fireside and a new mayoral chair from the council. Breker noted that Upton has been mayor longer than any other mayor in Townsend's history and has always worked tirelessly for city concerns. Other council members present were Mike Delger, Mike Evans, Jex Hunsaker and Rusty Raisland.

Mayor Upton has been a member of the council for 20 years. She became mayor in June of 1986.



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Canyon Ferry Airstrip Hosts ACE Fly-in



Helicopter landing
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One pilot's very shiny aircraft
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Brenda Phillips



The 2024 Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy for high school students was held June 20-22, 2024. The camp is designed to show students the many career opportunities that are available in aviation.

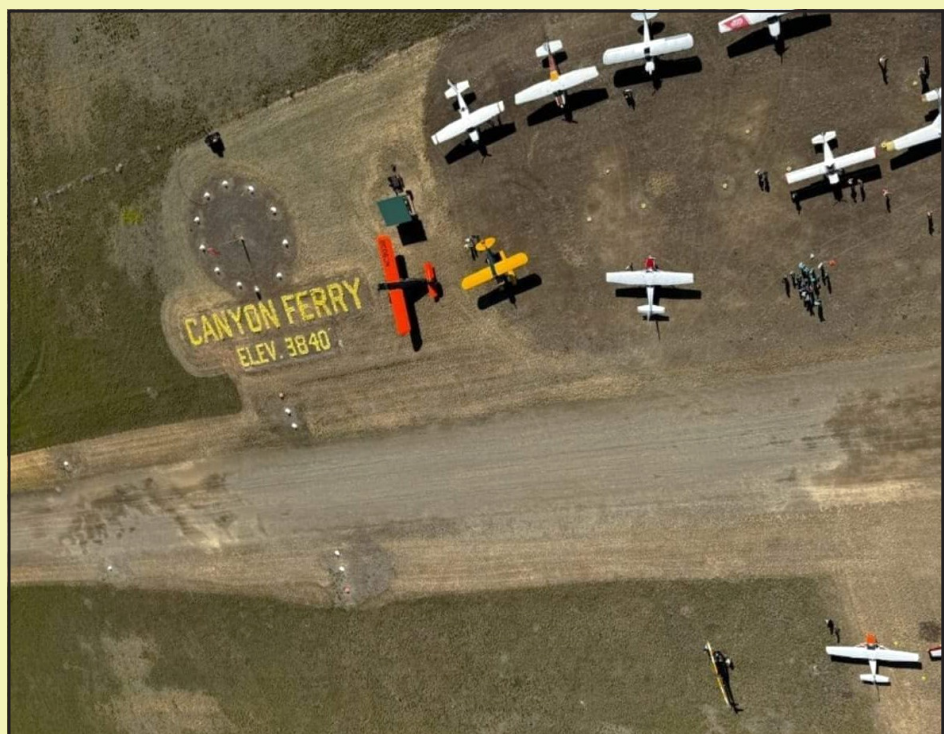
Activities include tour of Boeing' manufacturing facility, the Army National Guard Aviation Support facility, the air control tower, aviation maintenance program at Helen College, maintenance facility and air ambulance operation and more around Helena. One day was spent in Missoula to tour the Museum of Mountain Flying, the smokejumper base, and an aerial firefighting operation.

The final day activity was a trip to the Canyon Ferry airstrip where pilots from all over were invited to "fly in" and display their aircraft. It was a great opportunity to talk with students that are interested in aviation and the pilots

shared knowledge and experiences with students that had lots of questions.

There were approximately 27 aircraft for the students to view and learn about. There were two helicopters, two amphibious planes, a Vietnam eta bird dog complete with wing missiles, multiple Vintage planes, including a travel air, air coups and new airplanes including firefighting planes and Bonanzas.

Many local flying enthusiasts came out to join the students and check out the planes and ask questions.



Aerial view of the airstrip
Photos provided by Canyon Ferry Airport